

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

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: -against-

: 20-CR-667 (VEC)

CARL WILBRIGHT, :
TRAVIS BRECONIDGE, :
QUASHAWN ESCALERA, :
ISAIAH FREEMAN, :
LUIS GARCIA, :
RICARDO GARCIA, :
STANLEY HAMPTON, :
JAMEL MURRAY, :

Defendants. :

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ORDER

VALERIE CAPRONI, United States District Judge:

WHEREAS on March 11, 2021, a Superseding Indictment was filed (Dkt. 73);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. An arraignment will be held on **March 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** The parties must appear for the conference by dialing (888) 363-4749, using the access code 3121171, security code 0667. Any recording of the hearing is strictly prohibited.
2. No later than **March 15, 2021**, all defense counsel must file either an executed waiver (attached to this Order) or a letter requesting that the conference be rescheduled as an in-person conference on a date convenient to all parties.

SO ORDERED.

Date: **March 11, 2021**
New York, NY

Valerie Caproni

VALERIE CAPRONI
United States District Judge

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

,
Defendant.

**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE
PRESENT AT CRIMINAL
PROCEEDING**

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Check Proceeding that Applies

____ Arraignment

I have been given a copy of the indictment containing the charges against me and have reviewed it with my attorney. I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to confirm that I have received and reviewed the indictment; to have the indictment read aloud to me if I wish; and to enter a plea of either guilty or not guilty before the judge. After consultation with my attorney, I wish to plead not guilty. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court of the following. I willingly give up my right to appear in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to advise the court that:

- 1) I have received and reviewed a copy of the indictment.
- 2) I do not need the judge to read the indictment aloud to me.
- 3) I plead not guilty to the charges against me in the indictment.

Date:

Signature of Defendant

Print Name

Conference

I have been charged in an indictment with violations of federal law. I understand that I have a right to be present at all conferences concerning this indictment that are held by a judge in the Southern District of New York, unless the conference involves only a question of law. I understand that at these conferences the judge may, among other things, 1) set a schedule for the case including the date at which the trial will be held, and 2) determine whether, under the Speedy Trial Act, certain periods of time should be properly excluded in setting the time by which the trial must occur. I have discussed these issues with my attorney and wish to give up my right to be present at the conferences. By signing this

document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to be present at the conferences in my case for the period of time in which access to the courthouse has been restricted on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. I request that my attorney be permitted to represent my interests at the proceedings even though I will not be present.

Date:

Signature of Defendant

Print Name

Entry of Plea of Guilty

I am aware that I have been charged with violations of federal law. I have consulted with my attorney about those charges. I have decided that I wish to enter a plea of guilty to certain charges. I understand I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to enter my plea of guilty and to have my attorney beside me as I do. I am also aware that the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic has interfered with travel and restricted access to the federal courthouse. I have discussed these issues with my attorney. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to appear in person before the judge to enter a plea of guilty. By signing this document, I also wish to advise the court that I willingly give up any right I might have to have my attorney next to me as I enter my plea so long as the following conditions are met. I want my attorney to be able to participate in the proceeding and to be able to speak on my behalf during the proceeding. I also want the ability to speak privately with my attorney at any time during the proceeding if I wish to do so.

Date:

Print Name

Signature of Defendant

I hereby affirm that I am aware of my obligation to discuss with my client the charges contained in the indictment, my client's rights to attend and participate in the criminal proceedings encompassed by this waiver, and this waiver form. I affirm that my client knowingly and voluntarily consents to the proceedings being held in my client's absence. I will inform my client of what transpires at the proceedings and provide my client with a copy of the transcript of the proceedings, if requested.

Date:

Signature of Defense Counsel

Print Name

Addendum for a defendant who requires services of an interpreter:

I used the services of an interpreter to discuss these issues with the defendant. The interpreter also translated this document, in its entirety, to the defendant before the defendant signed it. The interpreter's name is: _____.

Date: _____
Signature of Defense Counsel

Accepted: _____
Signature of Judge
Date: